NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 4

March 02, 2006

# FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
### Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>COGGIN D GERALD | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>_____ Director _____ 10% Owner<br>__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)<br>Sr. V.P., Corp Relations |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1942 DILTON-MANKIN ROAD | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/28/2006 | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| MURFREESBORO, TN 37127 | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Shares of Common Stock in my name and my spouse's name | 02/28/2006 | | S | | 600 | D | $ 41.25 | 306,663 | D | |
| Shares of Common Stock | | | | | | | | 7,136 | I | Family Partnership |
| Shares of Common | | | | | | | | 104 | I | Family Partnership |

Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Der Sec (Ins |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy" | $ 20.9 | | | | | | | | 02/22/2009 | 03/23/2009 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COGGIN D GERALD 1942 DILTON-MANKIN ROAD MURFREESBORO, TN 37127 | | | Sr. V.P., Corp Relations | |

# Signatures

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|---|---|
| D. Gerald Coggin | 03/02/2006 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

# Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Explanation of Responses:                                                                                                      3